124. Disabilities of Pulayas in the matter of education.

Mr. Aiyan Kali (Member, Nominated) submitted the following:—

(1) The Pulaya boys should be given admission to all schools till the Seventh class, full fees should be remitted and at least ten per cent of them should be awarded scholarships.

(2) An institution should be established in the chief Pulaya centre for teaching Agriculture and Industries to Pulaya boys. That must be done at least as a temporary measure for some time.

(3) Though Government had thrown open a large number of schools to Pulayas, admission was not being freely given in them. The Government order should, therefore, be enforced rigorously.

(4) A line of huts should be built for them in Venganur or other central locality, together with a school for primary education, provision being made for noon-day meal. Vocational training should also be given.

(5) A separate amount should be ear-marked for the education of Pulayas in the State budget.

(6) A Co-operative society should be established for Pulayas.

Dewans' reply.—Noted.

125. Disabilities of converts from depressed classes to Christianity in the matter of education.

Mr. Abraham Isaac (Member, Nominated) submitted that Pulaya converts were unable to withstand the petty persecutions and hardships they were being subjected to in the matter of admission to schools in Central Travancore. He also regretted the small number of scholarships awarded to the boys of his community. The Member then suggested the following measures being adopted:—

(1) The boys of his community passing from Class IV and continuing their studies afterwards should be given pecuniary help for buying books, remission of full fees and also a free noon-day meal.

(2) Ten per cent of them should be awarded scholarships.

(3) The few boys who were studying in the English schools should be given sufficient encouragement to prosecute their studies.

(4) Female education among the community should be promoted with greater vigour.

(5) Technical instruction should be more largely given to members of his community.

(6) They should be allowed the free use of the timber standing on the *poramboke* land, called Panjoorkulam, near their Technical School at Chingavanam in the Nattakam Proverthi, Kottayam taluk, so that they might utilize it for their school. Similar help should also be given to another institution started by them in February 1917 at Kuthrappalli in the Changanacherry taluk where Wood work and Iron Work were being taught.

(7) The Police in the vicinity of those two Technical institutions should be ordered to help the Managers from the petty persecutions of the neighbours.

(8) The few English-educated young men of the community should be given Government employment.

(9) They should be allowed to use freely all public places such as landing ghats, ferries, roads, &c.

(10) Orders should be issued for the appointment of the qualified young men of this community in all departments of the State.

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